Quality of air tickets

1941. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints with regard to the quality of the air tickets used by the Indian Airlines so much so that the impression on the counterfoil is either un-decipherable or does not appear;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the matter to bring about improvement in the quality of air tickets; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is proposed to extend computerised ticketing facility to as many locations as possible, as well as to make efforts to improve the quality of tickets.

Purchase of aircrafts by Air India

1942. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has decided to purchase four 747-400 aircraft during 1993-94;

(b) if so, what will be the total expenditure involved in the purchase of Boeing 747-400 Aircraft and three A-310 Airbuses;

(c) what is the total strength of Air India fleet at present;

(d) what is the shortage if any, felt;

(e) what steps are being taken to improve the efficiency and also the to reduce the rush of passengers; and

(f) to what extent AI has been able to meet the demands of the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Out of the four Boeing 747-400 aircraft, for which Air India signed a purchase agreement in 1991, three aircraft have already been delivered to Air India in 1993. The total approved cost of acquisition of four Boeing 747-400 aircraft with spares, spare engine etc. is Rs. 2333.33 crores. During 1993-94 no A-310-300 aircraft is being added to the Air India fleet.

(c) Air India fleet consists of twenty five aircraft at present.

(d) to (f) Air India has been experiencing a shortage of capacity in some routes. Air India's share of the market to/from India is estimated to be around 26% in 1992-93. Air India plans to increase its market share by inducting more aircraft and also upgrading its product. This will help Air India to improve its on-time performance and offer better facilities to passengers.

Committee to examine exgratia payment to World War II veterans

1943. SHRI A NALLASIVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee was set up under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary of Defence Ministry to examine, among other things, the question of Ex-gratia payment to World War-II veterans;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, whether any decision has been taken by Government on the report;

(d) if so, the nature of decision taken by Government; and

(e) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The recommendations of the Committee are being processed and a decision thereon is likely to be taken shortly.

Memorandum regarding problems of cantonment Board, Danapur

1944. SHRI CIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Members of Bihar Legislative Council and Members of Cantonment Board, Danapur have submitted a memorandum regarding